



Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

Claims 1 – 8 (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) An input control system comprising an input pad having a coordinate input portion for inputting coordinate data and four push-type switches, each of said switches is independent of said input pad and capable of having an ON state and an OFF state,

wherein a finger or a pen is slid across the input pad to input information for moving a pointer appearing on a screen of a display unit in an X-axis or Y-axis direction, and is tapped on said input pad to input information in a Z-axis direction or to perform a selection operation for selecting an icon pointed to by said pointer, the display unit being provided in the input control system or in a computer connected to the input control system,

wherein the four switches each comprises a default operation, said default operation being a left-click operation of a mouse, a right-click operation of a mouse, a scroll-up operation, and a scroll-down operation, respectively, when each of said four switches is switched to an ON state,

wherein the default operation for each of said four switches is changeable to a different operation by setting commands generated in a switch input section driver,

wherein changing of the default operation for each of said four switches is performed by a switching operation that is displayed on the screen of the display unit, said switching operation being specifically adapted to permit the setting or modification of the operation of each of said four switches, and

~~wherein operation data from the input pad and ON-OFF data from each of the four switches are formatted to a data group of 6 or more bytes and the formatted data group is output~~

wherein data from the input pad and data from each of said four switches are formatted to a common format data, and

wherein the common format data includes X coordinate and Y coordinate positional information of the input pad, and Z direction information indicating contact strength, and ON or OFF information of each switch, and the common format data is output as a single data item.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An input control system comprising an input pad having a coordinate input portion for inputting coordinate data and at least one push-type switch, said at least one switch is independent of said input pad and capable of having an ON state and an OFF state,

wherein a finger or a pen is slid across said input pad to input information for moving a pointer appearing on a screen of a display unit in an X-axis or Y-axis direction, and is tapped on said input pad to input information in a Z-axis direction or to perform a selection operation for selecting an icon pointed to by said pointer, said display unit being provided in said input control system or in a computer connected to said input control system,

wherein said at least one switch comprises a default operation, said default operation being a left-click operation of a mouse, a right-click operation of a mouse, a scroll-up operation, and a scroll-down operation, respectively, when said at least one switch is switched to an ON state,

wherein said default operation for each of said at least one switch is changeable to a different operation by setting commands generated in a switch input section driver, and

wherein said at least one switch has a scroll function, wherein while said at least one switch is pressed so as to continuously output ON data, said at least one switch continuously performs a scrolling operation independently of an operation of the input pad, and wherein when pressing against said at least one switch is released so as to output OFF data, said at least one switch stops the scroll operation, and

wherein data from the input pad and data from said at least one switch are output together as a common format.